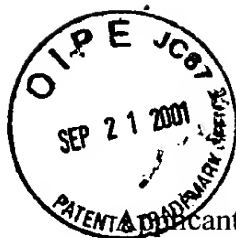


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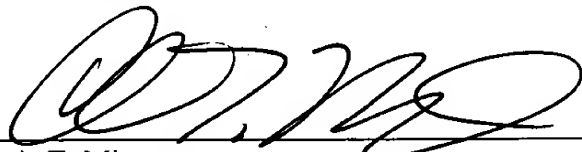
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Accordingly, the charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 was improper, as all fees had previously been satisfied. Applicants respectfully request that the overcharge amount be refunded to Fish & Richardson's Deposit Account No. 06-1050 as a credit.

Respectfully submitted,

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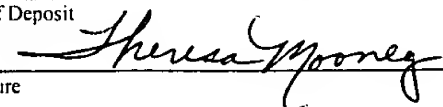
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